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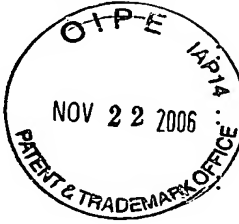
IN RE APPLICATION OF

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FOR: OPTICAL PICKUP DEVICE,
RECORDING AND REPRODUCING
APPARATUS AND GAP DETECTION
METHOD



EXAMINER: HALEY, J.

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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SIR:

This Request for Reconsideration is in response to the Office Action dated August 23,
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